

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Continuation of U.S. Appln. No. 08/788,959 (*Q76316*)

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1-20 and add new claims 21-33. Claims 21, 25, and 30 are in independent form. Claims 21-33 are the only pending claims.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application on the merits at the earliest possible time. If the Examiner would like to discuss any points through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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